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# Lady Death®

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## The Story So Far

LADY DEATH'S guardian angel, VANDALA, sets her to the mystical realm of the Hindu Gods against her wishes. KALI, the Goddess of Order and Chaos, was on a mad rampage, cannibalizing and sacrificing her endless followers. Believing Lady Death represents Armageddon, Kali became obsessed with finding her to signal a rebirth! As Lady Death pieces the mysterious revelations of "The Odyssey" together, Vandala runs smack dab into ASTEROTH, Lucifer's destroyer of destroyers. Mistakenly, Lady Death is sent to a realm where finally, she finds peace. And now, the finale to The Odyssey!

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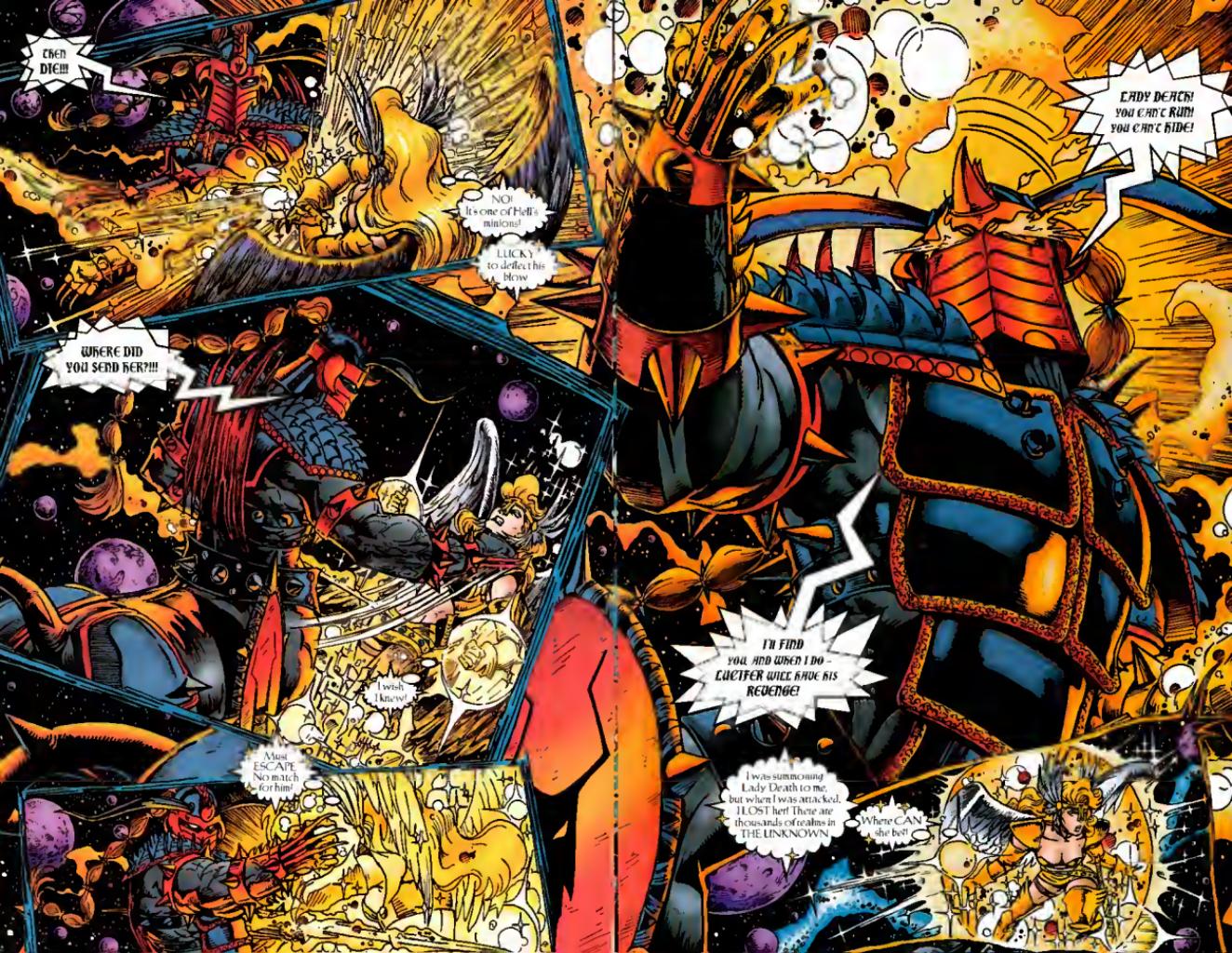
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HIDING LADY DEATH  
FROM ME

WHERE IS SHE?!  
TELL ME NOW!

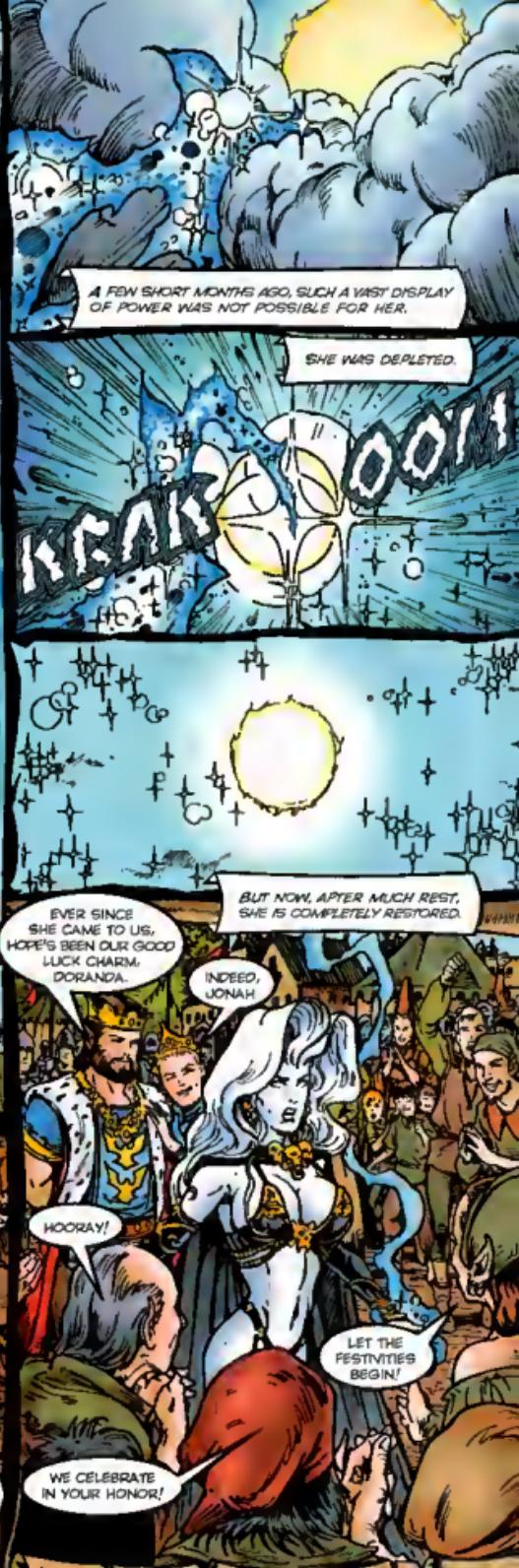
WHERE IS  
THE DESTROYER?

YOU WON'T  
CRACK?

PLACING HER PALM AGAINST HER CLOSED FIST  
VANDALA BEGINS TO SUMMON LADY DEATH  
BUT WITHOUT NOTICE - ASTEROID LUCIFER'S  
DESTROYER OF DESTROYERS COMES







LATER THAT NIGHT...

IT'S STRANGE HOW QUICKLY THINGS CHANGE

AFTER I DEFEATED LUCIFER, I HAD A VISION. I HAD TO PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE JUDGMENT ERA OF THE FALLEN ANGELS. BUT I REFUSED. I WANTED TO RENDOUNCE MY WARRIOR WAYS. FIND PEACE.

THEN AN UNSEEN VOICE CAME TO ME AND SET ME OFF ON AN ODYSSEY AGAINST MY WILL. IN EACH PLACE I WAS TO LEARN A LESSON. I WAS CONVINCED THE VOICE WAS TRYING TO PREPARE ME FOR THE JUDGMENT ERA.

AND THEN, WHEN THE ENTITY BEHIND THE VOICE PLANNED TO REVEAL ITSELF, I WAS SENT HERE TO CONCORDIA.

WAS THIS MY REWARD FOR THE TRIALS I FACED DURING THE ODYSSEY? WHETHER IT IS OR IT ISN'T, I CARE NOT. SINCE I CAME HERE, I'VE NEVER KNOWN SUCH PEACE.

PSSST... MILADY...

SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE, WELL, WE'RE GLAD YOU CAME TO US. THE KING AND QUEEN - THEY'VE ALWAYS LAVISHED US. BUT A GREAT SADNESS OVERCAME THE VILLAGE WHEN THEY LOST THEIR DAUGHTER.

BUT NOW, WITH YOU HERE, IT'S LIKE WE'RE ALL WHOLE AGAIN.

TH-THANK YOU.

I'VE ALWAYS DESPISED HUMANITY. THEY MADE MY LIFE HELL. BUT THESE PEOPLE, EVER SINCE I CAME, THEY'VE *EMBRACED* ME AS ONE OF THEIR OWN - THEY HELD A CELEBRATION IN MY HONOR!

FINALLY, MY WARRIOR DAYS ARE OVER.

JONAH AND DORANDA TREAT ME LIKE A DAUGHTER

IT'S DIFFICULT TO ADMIT, BUT... I THINK I LIKE IT.

THE NEXT EVENING...

I'M UNACCUSTOMED  
TO SUCH A WARM EMBRACE  
FROM PEOPLE.

I'M USED TO  
THEIR SCORN.

—NOT THEIR  
ACCEPTANCE.

THOUGH I  
AM GROWING TO  
ACCEPT IT, I STILL NEED  
SPACE TO BE ALONE WITH  
MY THOUGHTS...

IT'S SO HARD  
TO TURN BACK THE  
HANDS OF TIME, CLOSE  
THE DOOR ON MY  
TORTURED PAST.

BUT NOW  
I FINALLY HAVE  
EVERYTHING I'VE  
DREAMED OF.

I FINALLY  
HAVE PEACE

AHHHH, THIS  
IS MY SPECIAL  
PLACE - THE  
GEM POND.

I LOVE  
THE WAY THE  
JEWELS REFLECT THE  
FINAL HINTS OF  
SUNLIGHT.

BACK IN CONCORDIA

FIZZRRRAP

WHAT?

CALM  
YOURSELF  
LITTLE ONE

WHO ARE YOU?  
YOU SEEM VAGUELY  
FAMILIAR.

T-Thank Odin!  
I FOUND you  
after all this time!

Quickly  
we must GO!  
Asteroth  
is here!

You don't  
UNDERSTAND!  
Asteroth is here  
to KILL you!  
We must GO!

EERRGGHH!

WHERE  
IS SHE?

MARTA,  
JEREMY - RUN!

YOU CANNOT  
HIDE HER!

AAAIEEEEE!

AAAAAAA!

SHE HAS  
HERUEN'S SCENE  
UPON HER!

WHERE IS  
LADY DEATH?!

We HAVE to GO!  
PLEASE! He's been  
following me for  
months. THERE IS NO  
ESCAPING HIM!

I ASKED  
YOU A QUESTION,  
GIRL! WHO  
ARE YOU?

I am  
VANDALA.  
I—I was the one  
who sent you on  
THE ODYSSEY

YOU?!  
WHAT DID YOU  
HOPE TO GAIN BY  
MANIPULATING  
ME?!

NEVER  
meant to  
manipulate you!  
I simply wanted to  
prepare you for your  
preordained fate!  
You are the  
chosen One!

I was  
sent to find you,  
to help my people.  
YOUR ancestors  
but I found you  
spiritually depleted.

I was  
DESPERATE  
for a solution!  
I decided to teach you  
the virtues of my people:  
heroism, loyalty  
and bravery.

But after you  
BESTED kali, I realized  
I FAILED. You DIDN'T  
learn what I wanted you  
to learn.

HA HA HA!

YOU'RE A  
CHILD!

YOU  
TEACH  
ME?

Don't laugh,  
HOPE! I'm your  
GUARDIAN! This  
is serious! We must go!  
Asteroth comes! He's  
followed your angelic  
energies as I have.

I SHOULD  
KILL YOU FOR SUCH  
A TRANSGRESSION  
BUT I FIND YOU  
AMUSING!

WHOP?

ASTEROTH  
Lucifer's destroyer  
of destroyers!

You're the  
chosen one!  
He means to kill  
you to protect  
ALL evil!

OH NO!  
THE VILLAGE!

I DEMAND  
AN ANSWER!

YOU WON'T  
GET ONE FROM  
ME, DEMON!

JONAH!

WHERE  
IS SHE!!

IS THAT SO?

DORANDA - NO!

AAAAAAA!

WHERE  
IS SHE!!

WHERE  
IS HOPE?

JONAH  
DORANDA!  
WHERE ARE  
THEY?

I DON T  
SEE THEM!

I'LL NEVER  
TELL YOU, DEMON!  
I'VE LOST ONE DAUGHTER.  
I WON'T LOSE  
ANOTHER!

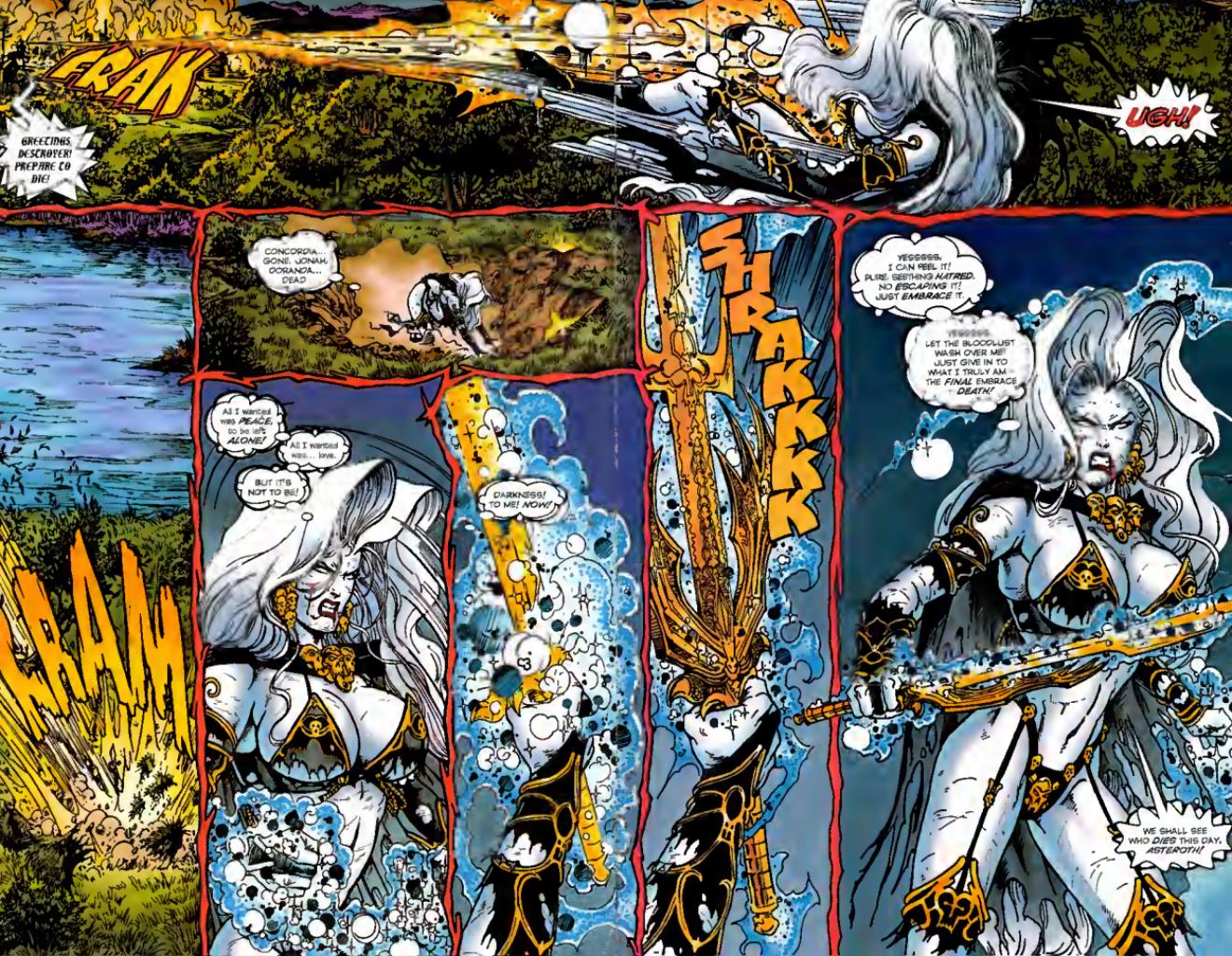
YOU'RE  
USELESS  
COME EATTE  
MAN!



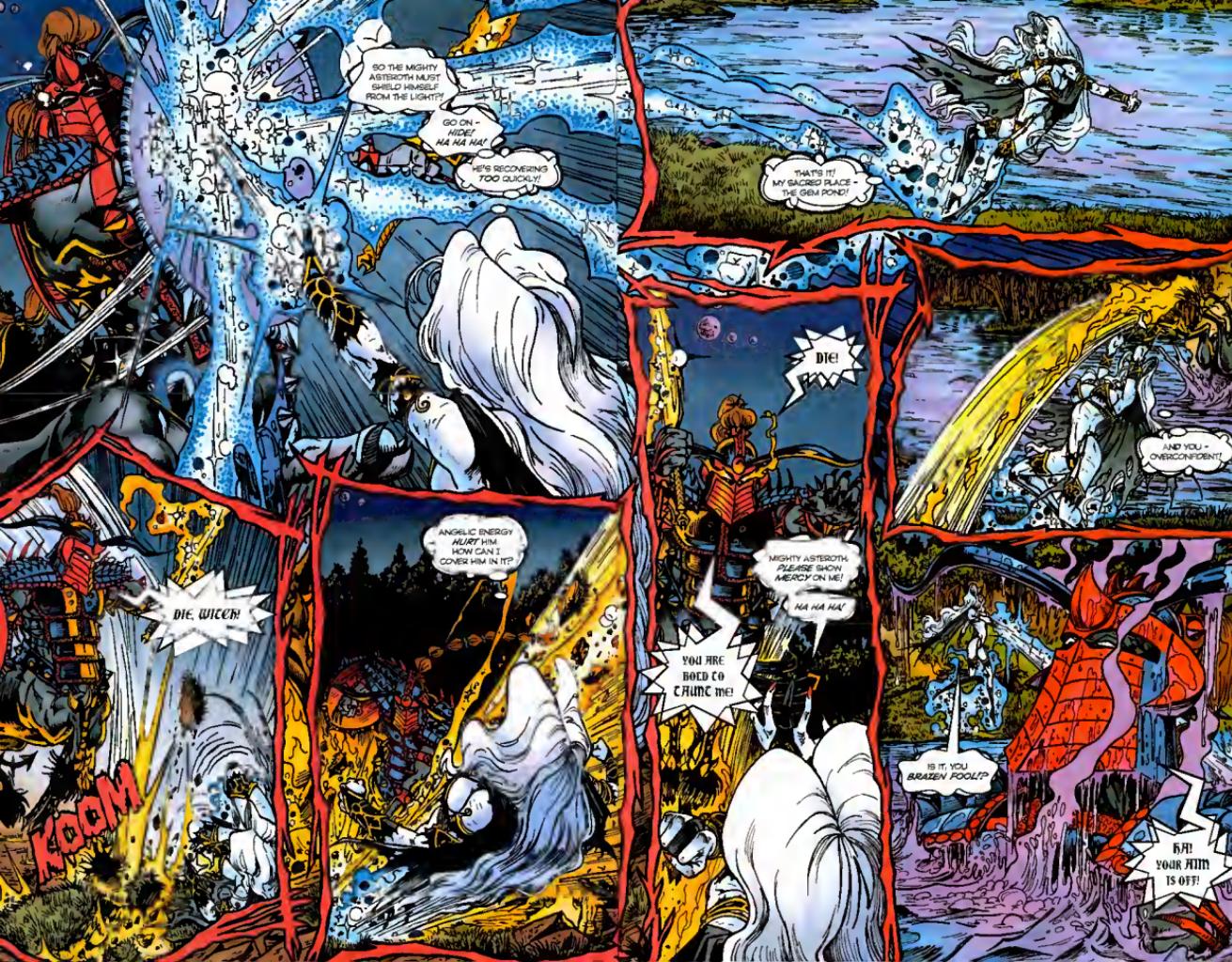
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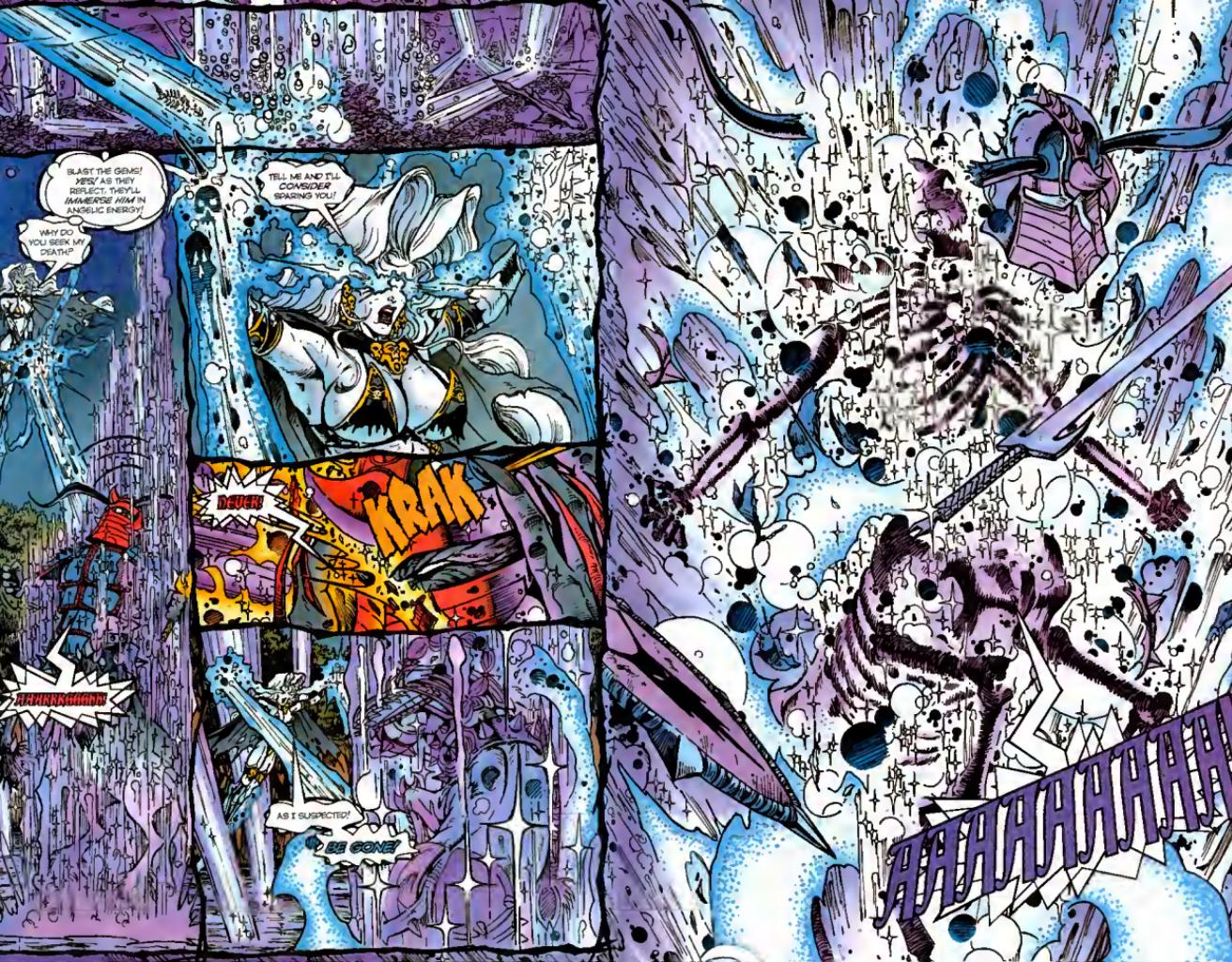
JONAH!!!

NO!!!!











Will you  
help us?

WHERE ARE  
WE OFF TO?

To ASCARD,  
to defend the realm  
of the NORTHMEN from  
GENOCIDE, a being of pure  
darkness so ancient,  
he predates Hell!

He holds the key to  
your future

LET'S GO!

the END



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